

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 18, 20, 22, 34, 39, 41, and 43. This listing of the claims, if entered, replaces all prior versions of the claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for joining a meet-me conference call, said method comprising:

presenting an option to specify a quorum associated with a meet-me conference call, in response to user input to an application program co-resident with a terminal; and
establishing a media transport channel after detecting that the quorum is established, in response to a user selecting the option, wherein the establishing the media transport channel joins the user to the meet-me conference call.

2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the user input further includes: an indication that the user is requesting to join a meet-me conference call.

3. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the user input further includes: an indication that the user is requesting to specify a quorum at a time selected from the group comprising a time at which a meet-me call is being scheduled, and a time prior to a time at which a meet-me conference call is to transpire.

4. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the user input further includes: a telephone number of a conferencing service and a password for a conference call.

5. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the user input further includes: identification of a virtual presence of the user.

6. (Original) The method of Claim 5, wherein said identification of the virtual presence of the user further includes:

identification of at least one connection address selected from the group comprising a land-line telephone number, a wireless telephone number, and a network address.

7. (Original) The method of Claim 5, wherein said identification of the virtual presence of the user further includes:

identification of at least one non-media-transport-channel-supporting connection address selected from the group comprising a network address, a wireless web address, and an instant messaging username.

8. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said presenting an option to specify a quorum associated with a meet-me conference call further comprises:

presenting an option to specify a quorum associated with the meet-me conference call via at least one device selected from the group comprising an audio device and a visual device.

9. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said presenting an option to specify a quorum associated with a meet-me conference call further includes:

presenting an option to join the conference call after at least one designated user either joins or is waiting to join the meet-me conference call.

10. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said presenting an option to specify a quorum associated with a meet-me conference call further includes:

presenting a number of users associated with the meet-me conference call, or an identity of at least one user associated with the meet-me conference call.

11. (Original) The method of Claim 10, wherein said presenting an option to specify a quorum associated with a meet-me conference call further comprises:

presenting at least one option selected from the group comprising joining the meet-me conference call substantially immediately or joining the

conference call after at least one designated user either joins or is waiting to join the meet-me conference call.

12. (Original) The method of Claim 10, wherein said presenting an option to specify a quorum associated with a meet-me conference call further comprises:

presenting an option comprising specifying that a complete quorum must be present before a MC-CMA (Multipoint Controller-Call Management Application program) establishes a meet-me conference call.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

sending a message containing user input to a Multipoint Controller Conference Manager Application (MC-CMA), in response to user input specifying the quorum by indicating that the user desires to wait for at least one user to either join or be waiting to join the meet-me conference call prior to the user joining the conference call.

14. (Original) The method of Claim 13, wherein the user input specifying the quorum by indicating that the user desires to wait for at least one user to either join or be waiting to join the meet-me conference call prior to the user joining the conference call further includes:

user input specifying that a complete quorum must be present before the MC-CMA (Multipoint Controller-Call Management Application program) establishes a meet-me conference call.

15. (Original) The method of Claim 13, wherein the user input specifying the quorum by indicating that the user desires to wait for at least one user to either join or be waiting to join the meet-me conference call prior to the user joining the conference call further includes:

user input specifying that the MC-CMA notifies a Terminal-CCMA (Conference Call Manager Application Program co-resident with a terminal) upon detection of at least one designated user joining or being available to join a meet-me conference call.

16. (Original) The method of Claim 13, wherein said sending a message containing the user input to a Conference Manager Application (CMA) further comprises:

 sending a message over a Call Optimization Application (COA) channel.

17. (Original) The method of Claim 16, wherein said sending a message over a Call Optimization (COA) channel further includes:

 establishing an Internet Protocol channel.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the establishing a media transport channel to join the user to the meet-me conference call comprises further comprising:

 originating ~~[[a]]~~ the media transport channel from the user's terminal in response to a message indicating that the quorum has been established.

19. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

 presenting notification that the quorum associated with the meet-me conference call has been established via at least one device selected from the group comprising an audio device and a visual device proximate to the user's terminal, in response to a message indicating that the quorum has been established

20. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 19, wherein the establishing a media transport channel to join the user to the meet-me conference call comprises further comprising:

 originating ~~[[a]]~~ the media transport channel from the user's terminal in response to user input.

21. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

 presenting notification that the quorum associated with the meet-me conference call has been established via at least messaging service selected from the

group comprising a paging messaging service, and an instant messaging service.

22. (Currently Amended) A system for joining a meet-me conference call, said system comprising:

means for detecting user input to an application program co-resident with a terminal; ~~and~~

means for presenting an option to specify a quorum associated with a meet-me conference call, in response to the user input to the application program co-resident with the terminal; and

means for establishing a media transport channel, after detecting that the quorum is established, in response to a user selecting the option, wherein establishing the media transport channel joins the user to the meet-me conference call.

23. (Original) The system of Claim 22, wherein the user input further includes: an indication that the user is requesting to join a meet-me conference call.

24. (Original) The system of Claim 22, wherein the user input further includes: an indication that the user is requesting to specify a quorum at a time selected from the group comprising a time at which a meet-me call is being scheduled, and a time prior to a time at which a meet-me conference call is to transpire.

25. (Original) The system of Claim 22, wherein the user input further includes: a telephone number of a conferencing service and a password for a conference call.

26. (Original) The system of Claim 22, wherein the user input further includes: identification of a virtual presence of the user.

27. (Original) The system of Claim 26, wherein said identification of the virtual presence of the user further includes:

identification of at least one connection address selected from the group comprising a land-line telephone number, a wireless telephone number, and a network address.

28. (Original) The system of Claim 26, wherein said identification of the virtual presence of the user further includes:

identification of at least one non-media-transport-channel-supporting connection address selected from the group comprising a network address, a wireless web address, and an instant messaging username.

29. (Original) The system of Claim 22, wherein said means for presenting an option to specify a quorum associated with a meet-me conference call further comprises:

means for presenting an option to specify a quorum associated with the meet-me conference call via at least one device selected from the group comprising an audio device and a visual device.

30. (Original) The system of Claim 22, wherein said means for presenting an option to specify a quorum associated with a meet-me conference call further includes:

means for presenting an option to join the conference call after at least one designated user either joins or is waiting to join the meet-me conference call.

31. (Original) The system of Claim 22, wherein said means for presenting an option to specify a quorum associated with a meet-me conference call further includes:

means for presenting a number of users associated with the meet-me conference call, or an identity of at least one user associated with the meet-me conference call.

32. (Original) The system of Claim 31, wherein said means for presenting an option to specify a quorum associated with a meet-me conference call further comprises:

means for presenting at least one option selected from the group comprising joining the meet-me conference call substantially immediately or joining the conference call after at least one designated user either joins or is waiting to join the meet-me conference call.

33. (Original) The system of Claim 31, wherein said means for presenting an option to specify a quorum associated with a meet-me conference call further comprises: means for presenting an option comprising specifying that a complete quorum must be present before a MC-CMA (Multipoint Controller-Call Management Application program) establishes a meet-me conference call.

34. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 22, further comprising: means for sending a message containing user input to a Multipoint ~~Multipoint~~ Controller Conference Manager Application (MC-CMA), in response to user input specifying the quorum by indicating that the user desires to wait for at least one user to either join or be waiting to join the meet-me conference call prior to the user joining the conference call.

35. (Original) The system of Claim 34, wherein the user input specifying the quorum by indicating that the user desires to wait for at least one user to either join or be waiting to join the meet-me conference call prior to the user joining the conference call further includes:

user input specifying that a complete quorum must be present before the MC-CMA (Multipoint Controller-Call Management Application program) establishes a meet-me conference call.

36. (Original) The system of Claim 34, wherein the user input specifying the quorum by indicating that the user desires to wait for at least one user to either join or be waiting to join the meet-me conference call prior to the user joining the conference call further includes:

user input specifying that the MC-CMA notifies a Terminal-CCMA (Conference Call Manager Application program co-resident with a terminal) upon

detection of at least one designated user joining or being available to join a meet-me conference call.

37. (Original) The system of Claim 34, wherein said means for sending a message containing the user input to a Conference Manager Application (CMA) further comprises:

means for sending a message over a Call Optimization Application (COA) channel.

38. (Original) The system of Claim 37, wherein said means for sending a message over a Call Optimization (COA) channel further includes:

means for establishing an Internet Protocol channel.

39. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 22, wherein the means for establishing a media transport channel to join the user to the meet-me conference call ~~comprise further comprising:~~

means for originating [[a]] the media transport channel from the user's terminal in response to a message indicating that the quorum has been established.

40. (Original) The system of Claim 22, further comprising:

means for presenting notification that the quorum associated with the meet-me conference call has been established via at least one device selected from the group comprising an audio device and a visual device proximate to the user's terminal, in response to a message indicating that the quorum has been established

41. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 40, wherein the means for establishing a media transport channel to join the user to the meet-me conference call ~~comprise further comprising:~~

means for originating [[a]] the media transport channel from the user's terminal in response to user input.

42. (Original) The system of Claim 22, further comprising:

presenting notification that the quorum associated with the meet-me conference call has been established via at least messaging service selected from the group comprising a paging messaging service, and an instant messaging service.

43. (Currently Amended) A program product comprising:

signal bearing media bearing programming adapted to present an option to specify a quorum associated with a meet-me conference call, in response to user input to an application program co-resident with a terminal; and
signal bearing media bearing programming adapted to initiate establishment of a media transport channel after detecting that the quorum is established, in response to a user selecting the option, wherein
establishment of the media transport channel joins the user to the meet-me conference call.

44. (Original) The program product of Claim 43, wherein said signal bearing media is selected from the group comprising transmission media, and recordable media.

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72. (Previously Presented) A method for joining a meet-me conference call, the method comprising:

presenting an option to specify a quorum associated with a meet-me conference call, in response to user input to an application program co-resident with a terminal; and
sending a token to a conference manager application, in response to a user selecting the option, wherein
the token comprises information indicating that the user will wait until the quorum is established before joining the meet-me conference call.

73. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 72, further comprising:

presenting the user with notification that the quorum has been established, in response to detecting that one or more designated users are present within or waiting to join the meet-me conference call.

74. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 73, wherein the user input comprises:

an indication that the user is requesting to join a meet-me conference call.

75. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 74, wherein the presenting the option to specify the quorum associated with the meet-me conference call further includes:

presenting an option to join the conference call after at least one designated user either joins or is waiting to join the meet-me conference call.

76. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 75, wherein the presenting the option to specify the quorum associated with the meet-me conference call further comprises:

presenting an option comprising specifying that a complete quorum must be present before a MC-CMA (Multipoint Controller-Call Management Application program) establishes a meet-me conference call.

77. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 73, wherein the user input specifying the quorum by indicating that the user desires to wait for at least one user to either join or be waiting to join the meet-me conference call prior to the user joining the conference call further includes:

user input specifying that the MC-CMA notifies a Terminal-CCMA (Conference Call Manager Application Program co-resident with a terminal) upon detection of the one or more designated user joining or being available to join a meet-me conference call.

78. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 72, wherein the sending the token further comprises:

sending the token over a call optimization application channel.

79. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 78, wherein the sending the token over a call optimization application channel further includes:

establishing an Internet Protocol channel.

80. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 78, further comprising:

originating a media transport channel from the user's terminal in response to a message indicating that the quorum has been established.

81. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 73, wherein the presenting the user with notification that the quorum associated with the meet-me conference call has been established comprises:

presenting the user with the notification via at least messaging service selected from the group comprising a paging messaging service and an instant messaging service.